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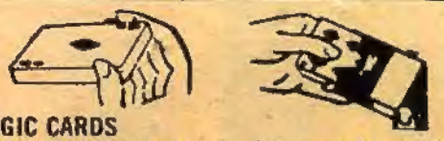

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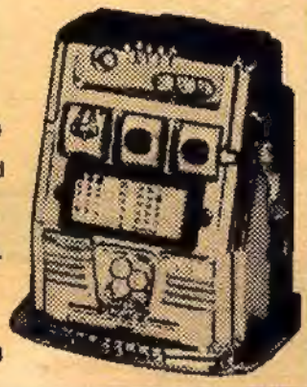

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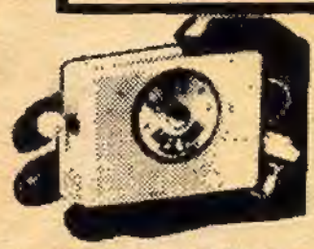

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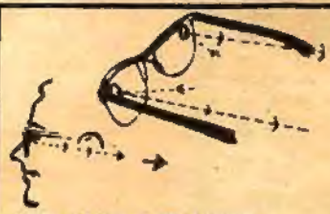
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THESE LOCAL JASPERS ACT LIKE THEY *RECOGNIZE* ME, BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT *THAT!* AH'LL JUST BUY MY SUPPLIES AND HOPE AH CAN GET OUTTA TOWN 'FORE THE *SHERIFF* SHOWS UP!
THAT HOMBRE SHORE DOES LOOK *FAMILIAR*... AND HE SEEMS TO BE IN A *POWERFUL* BIG HURRY!
WHY..THAT'S *KID COLT*... THE OUTLAW! SOMEBODY *GET* HIM!
YUH'LL HAVE TA DO IT *YER-SELF*, CHARLIE! AIN'T A MAN *ALIVE* KIN OUTDRAW THE KID!
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WHOA THERE, STEEL, FELLA! THIS IS WHERE YOU GET TO PUT ON THE FEED BAG!
GENERAL STOR
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HOWDY, PODNAH! HOW ABOUT FIXIN' ME UP WITH SOME SUPPLIES?
S-SURE, KID... ANYTHING YOU SAY!
MEANWHILE, AT THE TERRITORIAL PRISON, A FEW MILES AWAY...
ALL RIGHT, YOU ROCK-BUSTERS... BACK TO YOUR CELLS!
THIS IS IT, BOYS! MOVE FAST... AND MOVE QUIET!
WHEN I GIVE THE WORD... JUMP 'EM!
GOTCHA, RAMMER! WE'LL FOLLOW YOUR LEAD!
THEN, WITH THE BLINDING SWIFTNESS OF A RATTLESNAKE, THE CONVICTS STRIKE...
C'MON AND MOVE! YOU GUYS THINK WE GOT ALL DAY OR...MMM-PPPHHHH!
NOW! GET 'EM, BOYS! BUT KEEP 'EM NICE AND CALM SO'S NO HELP COMES THIS WAY!
RIGHT, BOSS! NOW JEST HOLD REAL STILL-LIKE, HOMBRE... AND MAYBE YA WON'T GET HURT!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, RANKIN!
THE WARDEN'LL HAVE YOU HUNTED DOWN LIKE A PACK OF COYOTES!
AND SO, A SHORT TIME LATER...
I KNEW THOSE GUARDS WOULDN'T BE NO MATCH FER ALL OF US! NOW, LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
YOU'LL HAVE TO GO WITHOUT ME, RAMMER! I'M GONNA STAY HERE AND SERVE MY TIME... SO I CAN GO STRAIGHT WHEN MY STRETCH IS UP!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, LARKIN! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT KNOWS WHERE THE LOOT FROM OUR LAST JOB IS HIDDEN... 'CAUSE YOU STASHED IT WHEN WE GOT SEPARATED...AND YO'RE GONNA SHOW US WHERE IT'S AT!
NOBODY CROSSES RAMMER RANKIN AND KEEPS HIS HIDE LONG ENOUGH TO BRAG ABOUT IT! AND, THE QUICKER YOU UNDERSTAND THAT--- THE LONGER YOU'RE GONNA LIVE!
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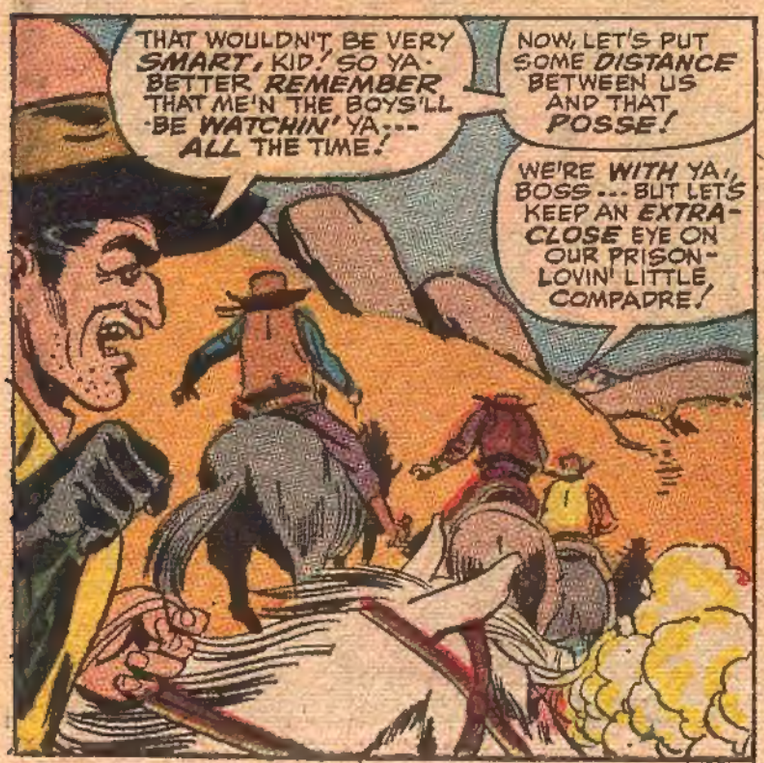
MOMENTS LATER, THE UNSUSPECTING GUARDS IN THE WATCH TOWER TURN TO SEE...
THAT CONVICT... HE SMASHED RIGHT THROUGH THE DOOR WITH HIS FIST!
IT'S A BREAK-OUT! GRAB YOUR GUNS, MEN!
CRRUNNCH!
THERE'S ONLY ONE PRISONER WHO COULD BUST THROUGH AN INCH OF SOLID OAK LIKE THAT... RAMMER RANKIN!
THEN, AS THE CONVICTS MAKE THEIR BID FOR FREEDOM...
HIT THE DIRT, JAKE! RAMMER'S GONNA TRY TO KNOCK DOWN THE TOWER!
SHOOT TO KILL, TIM! RANKIN'S AS DANGEROUS AS A TIMBER WOLF IN A SHEEP PEN!
ZINNG!
JUST KEEP DOWN, YOU JASPERS! WITH THAT SOLID STEEL FIST OF HIS... RAMMER CAN DO ABOUT ANYTHING!
I'VE FOUND ME A WEAK SPOT IN THE SUPPORTS! NOW, JUST GIMME ROOM.. WHILE I GIVE THOSE GUARDS A FREE TRIP TO THE GROUND!
I'LL STILL HAVE TO SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!
BUT, THE CONVICTS' DOUBTS ARE QUICKLY DISPELLED, AS RAMMER RANKIN'S FANTASTIC FIST SHATTERS THE TOWER'S MIGHTY SUPPORT PILLAR...
WHACK!
JUMP, TIM! HE KNOCKED THE TOWER CLEAN OUT FROM UNDER US!
I'VE SEEN A LOTTA WEIRD THINGS... BUT THAT TOPS 'EM ALL! HE DIDN'T SEEM TO STRAIN A MUSCLE KNOCKING THAT TOWER DOWN!
CRASH!
THAT WAS JUST THE BEGINNIN'! ONCE WE'RE FREE, I'LL MAKE RAMMER RANKIN A NAME THAT'LL BE FEARED THROUGHOUT THE WEST!

THEN, WITH THE PRISON GUARDS IN A STATE OF CHAOS, RANKIN AND HIS MEN MAKE THEIR ESCAPE---
WE DONE IT, BOYS!.. THANKS TO THAT SUPPLY WAGON THAT THE GATES WAS OPENED FOR, WE'LL SOON BE FREE---AND, RICH!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, RAMMER--- 'CAUSE I'M NOT SHOWING YOU WHERE I HID THE GOLD!
THEY'RE GETTIN' AWAY! ROUND UP THE HORSES SO WE CAN GET AFTER THEM!
PTING!
PTING!!
AH'M RIGHT SORRY TO HEAR THAT, KID---BUT WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT LATER! RIGHT NOW, LET'S JUST PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN US AND THAT PRISON!

AND SO, A SHORT TIME LATER---
THERE'S LEFTY---AND HE'S GOT THE HORSES---JUST LIKE HE PROMISED!
GOOD TO SEE YUH, BOSS! I WAS BEGINNIN' TO THINK YUH WEREN'T GONNA MAKE IT!
AH BRUNG YUH A CHANGE OF DUDS, TOO---LIKE WE PLANNED BEFORE I GOT PAROLED LAST MONTH!

WITHIN MOMENTS---
OKAY, BOYS--- WE'RE READY TO RIDE! SUPPOSIN' YUH START LEADIN' US TO THE LOOT, KID!
UNLESS YA'D RATHER FIND OUT WHAT A MOUTH-FULL OF STEEL TASTES LIKE.. THAT IS!
ALL RIGHT, RAMMER--YOU'VE GOT ME WHERE YOU WANT ME--- FOR NOW!
BUT I'M NEVER GONNA RIDE WITH YOU AGAIN---AND I'LL TURN YOU IN IF I GET THE CHANCE!


THAT WOULDN'T BE VERY SMART, KID! SO YA BETTER REMEMBER THAT ME'N THE BOYS'LL BE WATCHIN' YA--- ALL THE TIME!
NOW, LET'S PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN US AND THAT POSSE!
WE'RE WITH YA, BOSS---BUT LET'S KEEP AN EXTRA-CLOSE EYE ON OUR PRISON-LOVIN' LITTLE COMPADRE!

MEANWHILE, AT THE PRISON-
OKAY, MEN---LET'S GET AFTER THOSE OWLHOOTS! THEIR TRAIL AIN'T GONNA GET ANY HOTTER WHILE WE WAIT AROUND HERE!
AND, DON'T FORGET--- OUR ORDERS ARE TO SHOOT ON SIGHT! THEY'RE PROBABLY ARMED BY NOW--- AND IT'LL BE THEM OR US!

BY NEXT MORNING, NEWS OF THE PRISON BREAK HAS SPREAD TO TOWN..
LUCY... AH HATE TO BE THE ONE TO TELL YUH... BUT, YOUNG LANCE BROKE JAIL LAST NIGHT... WITH RAMMER RANKIN AND SOME OTHER SIDEWINDERS!
LET YOU KNOW? BUT, SHERIFF... I'M HIS SISTER! I COULDN'T TURN HIM IN!
BESIDES, IF LANCE DID ESCAPE... THERE MUST BE A GOOD REASON!
YUH'LL LET ME KNOW IF YUH HEAR FROM HIM... WON'T YUH?
TED

AND, AFTER THE SHERIFF HAS GONE...
OH, LANCE... HOW COULD YOU-- AFTER YOU PROMISED TO GO STRAIGHT!
THAT NO-GOOD RAMMER RANKIN MUST HAVE FORCED LANCE TO ESCAPE! HE'D NEVER DO A THING LIKE THAT WILLINGLY!
NO MATTER WHAT'S HAPPENED-- I MUST FIND HIM, AND CONVINCE HIM TO SURRENDER TO THE SHERIFF! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY HE CAN CLEAR HIMSELF!
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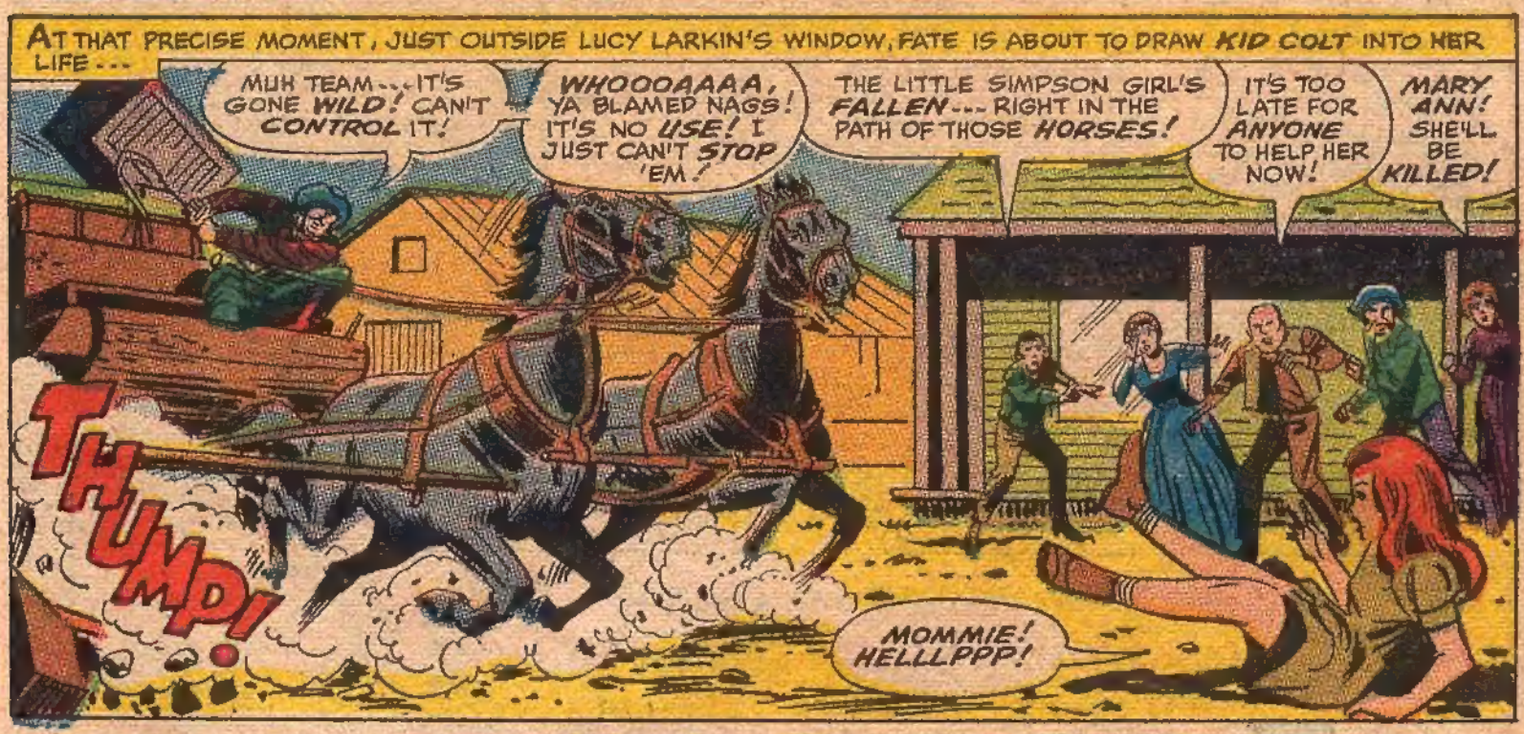
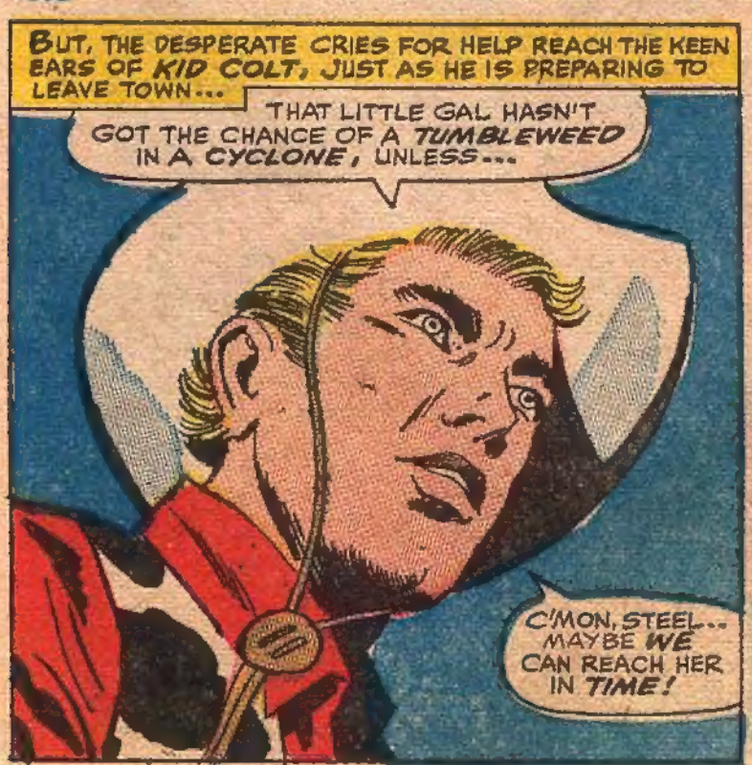

AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT, JUST OUTSIDE LUCY LARKIN'S WINDOW, FATE IS ABOUT TO DRAW KID COLT INTO HER LIFE...
MUH TEAM... IT'S GONE WILD! CAN'T CONTROL IT!
WHOOOAAAA, YA BLAMED NAGS! IT'S NO USE! I JUST CAN'T STOP 'EM!
THE LITTLE SIMPSON GIRL'S FALLEN... RIGHT IN THE PATH OF THOSE HORSES!
IT'S TOO LATE FOR ANYONE TO HELP HER NOW!
MARY ANN! SHE'LL BE KILLED!
THUMP!
MOMMIE! HELLLPPP!


BUT, THE DESPERATE CRIES FOR HELP REACH THE KEEN EARS OF KID COLT, JUST AS HE IS PREPARING TO LEAVE TOWN...
THAT LITTLE GAL HASN'T GOT THE CHANCE OF A TUMBLEWEED IN A CYCLONE, UNLESS...
C'MON, STEEL... MAYBE WE CAN REACH HER IN TIME!

IN A SPLIT SECOND, THE GREAT HORSE RESPONDS TO HIS MASTER'S COMMAND, AND...
GOTTA REIN CLOSE TO HER, SO I CAN JUMP!
IF MUH TIMIN'S AN INSTANT OFF, IT'LL BE THE END OF THAT KID AND ME!
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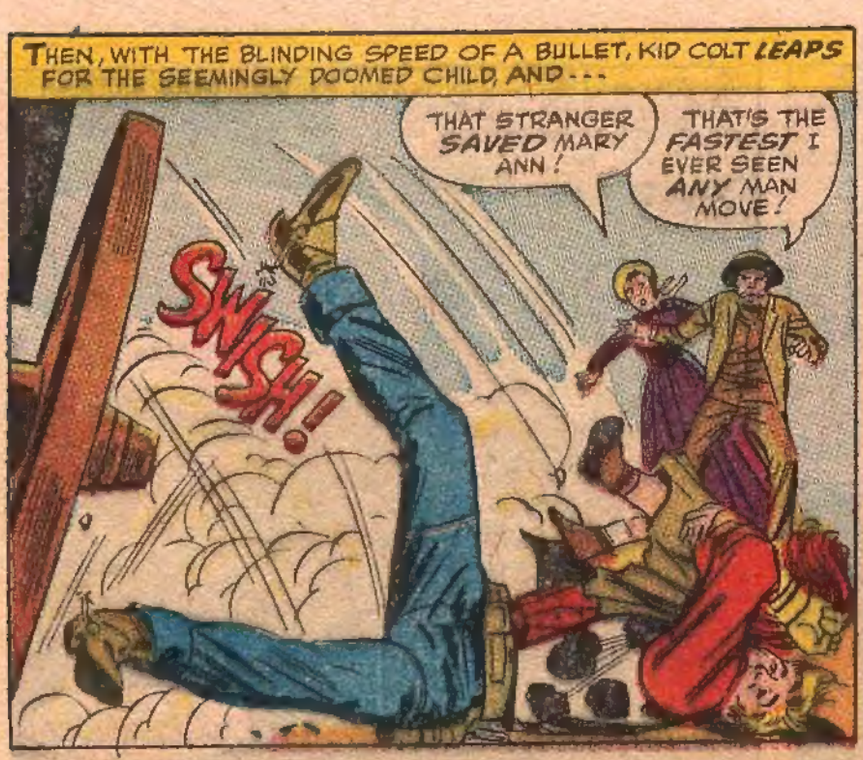
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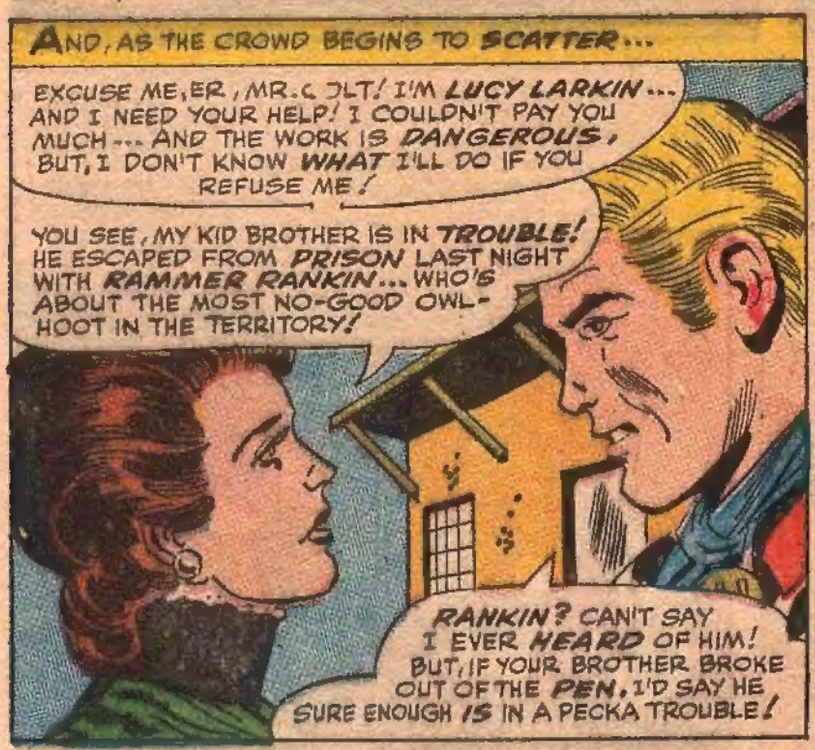
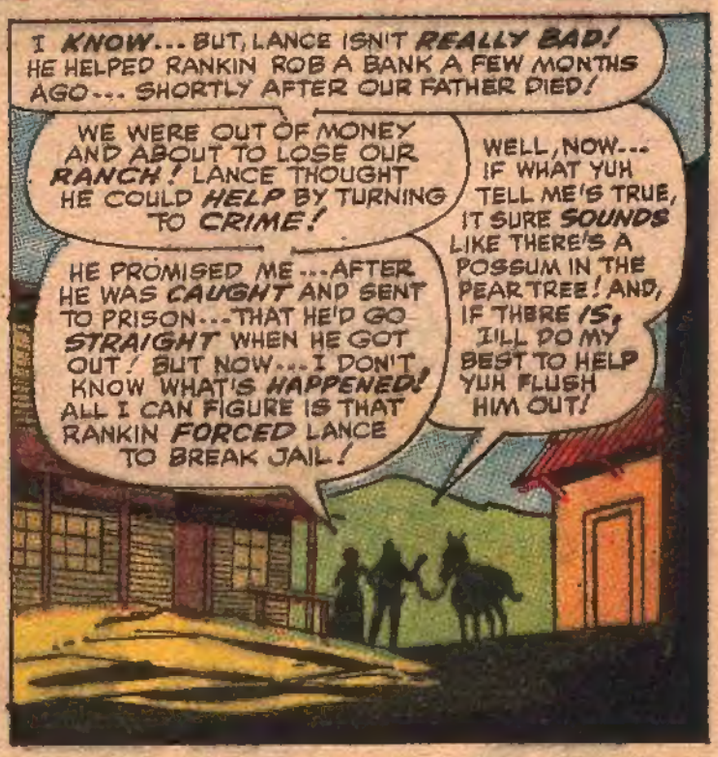
THAT STRANGER SAVED MARY ANN!
THAT'S THE FASTEST I EVER SEEN ANY MAN MOVE!
SWISH!

MOMENTS LATER, A THANKFUL MOTHER EXPRESSES HER GRATITUDE---
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, KID COLT! I'VE SEEN YOUR PICTURE ON THE REWARD POSTERS--- BUT ANY MAN WHO'D RISK HIS LIFE TO SAVE A CHILD CAN'T BE ALL BAD! THANK YOU!
DON'T MENTION IT, MA'AM! I JUST DID WHAT ANYONE WOULD HAVE DONE!
SO HE'S THE FAMOUS OUTLAW! NO MATTER WHICH SIDE OF THE LAW HE'S ON---HE MAY BE JUST THE MAN I NEED--- TO HELP LANCE!


AND, AS THE CROWD BEGINS TO SCATTER...
EXCUSE ME, ER, MR. COLT! I'M LUCY LARKIN--- AND I NEED YOUR HELP! I COULDN'T PAY YOU MUCH--- AND THE WORK IS DANGEROUS, BUT, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO IF YOU REFUSE ME!
YOU SEE, MY KID BROTHER IS IN TROUBLE! HE ESCAPED FROM PRISON LAST NIGHT WITH RAMMER RANKIN--- WHO'S ABOUT THE MOST NO-GOOD OWL-HOOT IN THE TERRITORY!
RANKIN? CAN'T SAY I EVER HEARD OF HIM! BUT, IF YOUR BROTHER BROKE OUT OF THE PEN, I'D SAY HE SURE ENOUGH IS IN A PECKA TROUBLE!


I KNOW--- BUT, LANCE ISN'T REALLY BAD! HE HELPED RANKIN ROB A BANK A FEW MONTHS AGO--- SHORTLY AFTER OUR FATHER DIED!
WE WERE OUT OF MONEY AND ABOUT TO LOSE OUR RANCH! LANCE THOUGHT HE COULD HELP BY TURNING TO CRIME!
HE PROMISED ME---AFTER HE WAS CAUGHT AND SENT TO PRISON---THAT HE'D GO STRAIGHT WHEN HE GOT OUT! BUT NOW---I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED! ALL I CAN FIGURE IS THAT RANKIN FORCED LANCE TO BREAK JAIL!
WELL, NOW--- IF WHAT YUH TELL ME'S TRUE, IT SURE SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S A POSSUM IN THE PEAR TREE! AND, IF THERE IS, I'LL DO MY BEST TO HELP YUH FLUSH HIM OUT!

MEANWHILE, THE RANKIN GANG HAS CAMPED JUST OUTSIDE THE TOWN, AND...
I THOUGHT THEY'D NEVER GO TO SLEEP--- EVEN THOUGH WE RODE ALL NIGHT! I GOTTA GET AWAY NOW! I MAY NOT GET ANOTHER CHANCE!
IF I CAN JUST MAKE IT TO LUCY'S HOUSE--- MAYBE I CAN GET WORD TO THE SHERIFF AND HAVE RANKIN CAPTURED!

BUT SUDDENLY, AS LANCE LARKIN LEAPS ON HIS MOUNT...
HEY, RAMMER--- WAKE UP! THE KID'S GETTIN' AWAY!
HOLD YOUR FIRE, MEN! IF YA KILL HIM, WE'LL NEVER FIND THE GOLD!
THEY HEARD ME! NOW ALL I CAN DO IS RIDE HARD--- AND PRAY!

AND, AS LANCE RIDES FOR HIS VERY EXISTENCE...
DON'T LET THAT DOUBLE-CROSSIN' PUNK GET AWAY, BOYS! WITHOUT HIM... AND THE GOLD---WE MIGHT AS WELL BE BACK IN PRISON!
AND...THE LAST THING I SHOULDA DONE WAS LET HIM HIDE THE LOOT! BUT, HE'S GONNA PAY! AIN'T A MAN ALIVE WHO CAN TRADE BLOWS WITH RAMMER RANKIN... AND LIVE TO PATCH UP HIS KNUCKLES!
I KNEW FROM THE BEGINNIN' I SHOULDN'T'A LET HIM JOIN UP WITH US! THIS IS WHAT I GET FER BEIN' SO BLAMED SOFT-HEARTED!
IN SECONDS, THE OUTLAWS HAVE MOUNTED AND ARE IN HOT PURSUIT OF THE FLEEING YOUTH---
HE MIGHT BE HEADIN' FOR HIS SISTER'S PLACE IN TOWN! YOU MEN STAY ON HIS TRAIL...I'LL HEAD FER MEDICINE BEND! IF YA DON'T CATCH HIM--- I'LL MEET YA THERE!
WE READ YA, RAMMER!
THEN, TEN MINUTES LATER, A DESPERATE LANCE LARKIN ARRIVES AT HIS SISTER'S HOUSE, TO FIND...
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, BOY! DO YUH ALWAYS COME CRAWLIN' THROUGH PEOPLE'S WINDOWS?
WHA..WHO ARE YOU? YUH MUST BE ONE'A RANKIN'S MEN THAT I AIN'T MET! HE AIN'T HURT YUH, HAS HE, LUCY?
NO, LANCE...YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! THIS IS KID COLT... AND HE'S HERE TO HELP YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT, LANCE...BUT YUH BETTER LEARN TO START COMIN' IN THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR! A MAN COULD GET MISTAKEN FOR A THIEF, CRAWLIN' THROUGH WINDOWS LIKE THAT!
I'M SORRY! I WAS AFRAID RANKIN MIGHT HAVE FOLLOWED ME HERE! AND, IF IF HE EVER GETS HIS STEEL FIST ON ME...
HE'S JUST SCARED, MR. COLT! NOW, PLEASE... SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR HIM!
BUT, BEFORE LANCE CAN COMPLETE HIS STATEMENT...
CRASH!
AWRIGHT, KID! YOU'VE HAD YOUR LITTLE GAME! NOW YOU'D BETTER START TELLIN' ME WHERE THAT GOLD IS!
'CAUSE, IF'N YA DON'T, YOUR PRETTY SISTER HERE JUST MIGHT HAVE A BAD ACCIDENT!
YOU LEAVE HER OUTTA THIS, RANKIN! YOU GOT NO BEEF WITH LUCY! I'LL SHOW YA WHERE I STASHED THE LOOT!

BUT, LANCE HAS MOMENTARILY FORGOTTEN THAT HE NO LONGER FACES RAMM'R ALONE...
WELL, NOW... THAT'S MORE LIKE IT, KID! LET'S... KID COLT! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' HERE? TRYIN' TO BUTT IN ON MY GOLD, HUH? LET'S SEE IF I CAIN'T CHANGE YORE MIND FER YUH!
KRASH!
GLAD YUH RECOGNIZE ME, RANKIN... BUT I'M AFRAID YUH GOT ME ALL WRONG! I'M JUST HERE TO SEE THAT YUH PLAY YORE GAME FAIR 'N' SQUARE!
YUH'LL HAVE TO MOVE FASTER'N THAT TO GET ME OUTTA THIS FIGHT, MISTER!
THEN, WARNED BY THE SIXTH SENSE OF A GUN-FIGHTER, KID COLT WHEELS AND...
DIDN'T THEY TEACH YUH IN PRISON THAT IT AIN'T NICE TO GUN A MAN IN THE BACK?
=YEEE-OOWWWW!= MUH HAND!
CRACK!
THAT'S IT, BOYS! JUST KEEP THAT RANNY BUSY TILL AH' CAN GET A LITTLE CLOSER!
AND HERE'S ANOTHER LESSON FOR YUH! NEVER POINT A GUN AT A MAN UNLESS YOU'RE SURE YUH CAN HIT HIM!
KAPOW!
=!!!EEEEE!= HE BLASTED MUH PISTOL!
JUST AS THE CONVICT IS ABOUT TO STRIKE...
WAP!
WON'T YOU VARMINTS EVER LEARN NOT TO SNEAK UP ON ME?! BESIDES, IT'S HARDLY WORTH A VISIT JUST TO COME IN ONE WINDOW...
...AND OUT THE OTHER!
BLASH!
8.

FINALLY, KID COLT GETS THE DROP ON THE RATTLED RANKIN GANG...
I'D BE DROPPIN' THAT IRON, RANNY... UNLESS YOU'D RATHER TASTE SOME HOT LEAD!
JUST AS I HOPED... HE'S OVER-CONFIDENT! NOW, IF I KIN JUST SNEAK UP BEHIND! HIM!
DON'T SHOOT, KID! YUH GOT ME COLD! I GUESS YOU'RE JUST TOO BLAMED MUCH FER US!
GOTTA KEEP HIM THINKIN' WE'RE FINISHED... SO RAMMER KIN SNEAK UP ON HIM!
AND, SUDDENLY...
KID... LOOK OUT! RAMMER'S BEHIND YOU!
THIS CHAIR OUGHTTA TAKE THE FIGHT OUTTA YUH, COLT!
THE ONLY GOLD YOD JASPERS ARE GONNA GET IS... WHA...?
BUT, EVEN THE LIGHTNING-QUICK KID COLT ISN'T FAST ENOUGH TO PREVENT...
SMASH!
RAMMER GOT HIM... HE'S OUT COLD!
UNNNGGGHHH!
ATTA WAY, BOSS! NOW, LET'S GRAB THE KID AND GET GOIN'!
THEN, AS THE CONVICTS ARE ABOUT TO MAKE THEIR GETAWAY...
LISTEN... HOOFBEATS, OUT FRONT! THAT MUST BE THE POSSE! C'MON, BOY... WE'RE GETTIN' OUTTA HERE!
AND, YUH BETTER KEEP QUIET... UNLESS YUH WANT US TA TAKE YORE SISTER WITH US!
YOU NO-GOOD SKUNK! AH GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO GO WITH YUH.. BUT YORE GONNA GET CAUGHT, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER!
HE SHORE DOES TALK BIG FER SUCH A LITTLE SQUIRT!
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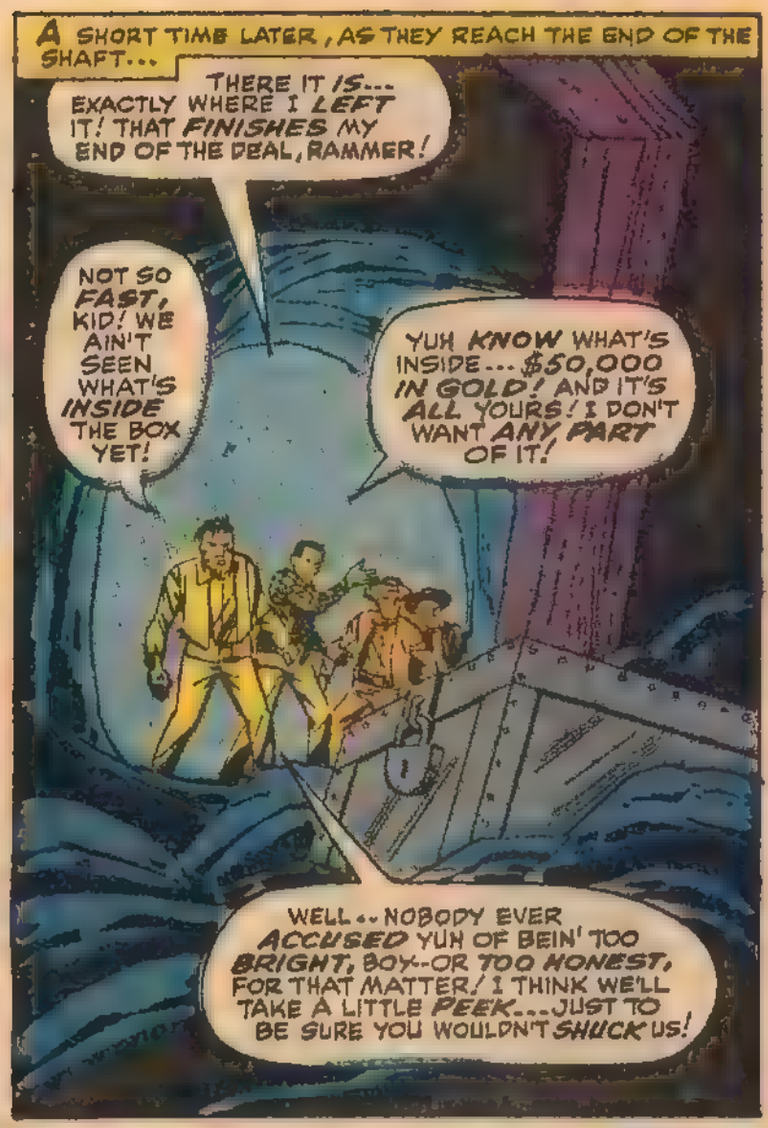
AND, AS THE POSSE CLOSES IN ON THE HOUSE, RANKIN AND HIS MEN SNEAK OUT THE BACK...
GET A MOVE ON, BOYS! THEY'RE GETTIN' AWAY!
C'MON, YUH ORNERY VARMINTS! WE GOTTA LOSE THAT POSSE BEFORE WE GET TO THE MINE!
MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE HOUSE...
OHHHHH... WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S YOUR BROTHER?
RANKIN FORCED HIM TO GO WITH THEM! I THINK THEY'RE HEADED FOR THE OLD SILVER MINE!
THEN WE'D BETTER GET AFTER THEM! LANCE'S LIFE WON'T BE WORTH A PLUGGED NICKEL, ONCE HE'S SHOWED RANKIN WHERE THE LOOT IS!
LET'S MOUNT UP AND RIDE! YUH CAN TELL ME THE WAY AS WE GO!
GOOD! I KNOW A SHORT-CUT THAT'LL GET US TO THE MINE IN NO TIME!
C'MON... I PROMISED YUH I'D HELP YOUR BROTHER, AND, IF HE EVER NEEDS IT, HE NEEDS IT NOW!
THEN, AS THE DESPERATE TWOSOME RIDE FOR THE MINE, THE POSSE CLOSES IN ON RANKIN AND HIS GANG...
WE'RE GAININ' ON 'EM, MEN! GET READY TO START SHOOTIN'! OUR ORDERS ARE TO TAKE 'EM... DEAD OR ALIVE!
THEY'RE GETTIN' TOO CLOSE FER COMFORT! BUT, I GOT A LITTLE ACE UP MY SLEEVE THAT OUGHTA SLOW 'EM DOWN!
AT THE OTHER END OF THE PASS, RANKIN STOPS, AND...
THIS'LL GET THOSE LAW-DOGS OFF OUR TAILS!
PSSSSST!
DANGER DYNAMITE
IN AN INSTANT, THE FUSE REACHES ITS PAYLOAD, AND...
KER-WHOOM!
10.

A SPLIT-SECOND LATER, AS THE UNKNOWING POSSE RIDES INTO THE PASS, AN EAR-SPLITTING ROAR FILLS THE AIR, AND---
BA-ROOOOM!
FALL BACK! THEY'VE DYNAMITED THE PASS!
WHILE, ON THE OTHER SIDE...
THAT OUGHTA KEEP 'EM OUTTA OUR HAIR FOR A SPELL, BOSS! THEY'LL BE LUCKY IF THERE'S ANYTHING LEFT OF 'EM AFTER THAT SLIDE!
YOU'RE BLAMED RIGHT, JENKINS! AIN'T NO LAWMAN SMART ENOUGH TO MATCH WITS WITH RAMMER RANKIN!
NOW, ALL WE GOTTA DO IS PICK UP THE LOOT AND HIGHTAIL IT FOR MEXICO! ONCE, WE'RE THERE, LIFE'S GONNA BE ONE BIG FEATHER-BED---FOR ALL OF US!
A SHORT TIME LATER...
OKAY, KID---LET'S QUIT WASTIN' TIME AND GET DOWN TO BUSINESS! YOU LEAD US TO THE GOLD... THEN WE'LL DECIDE IF WE'RE GONNA LET YOU LOOSE!
BUT, IF YUH DON'T SHOW US WHERE IT'S AT---IT'S GONNA BE REAL BAD FOR YORE SISTER!
AH'LL SHOW YA, RAMMER---BUT YORE GONNA LIVE TO REGRET THREATENIN' LUCY! AND THAT'S A PROMISE!

I DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO THREATS, LARKIN! AND ANOTHER ONE'S GONNA GUARANTEE YUH A STEEL FIST IN THE FACE!
AWRIGHT, RANKIN... YOU MADE YORE POINT! FOLLOW. ME...THE LOOT'S DOWN TOWARD THE END OF THIS SHAFT!
NOW, QUIT STALLIN' AND SHOW US TO THE GOLD!
OKAY...YOU LEAD THE WAY, BUT WE'RE KEEPIN' YUH COVERED, JUST IN CASE YUH GOT ANY CUTE TRICKS TO TRY!


A SHORT TIME LATER, AS THEY REACH THE END OF THE SHAFT...
THERE IT IS... EXACTLY WHERE I LEFT IT! THAT FINISHES MY END OF THE DEAL, RAMMER!
NOT SO FAST, KID! WE AIN'T SEEN WHAT'S INSIDE THE BOX YET!
YUH KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE... $50,000 IN GOLD! AND IT'S ALL YOURS! I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF IT!
WELL.. NOBODY EVER ACCUSED YUH OF BEIN' TOO BRIGHT, BOY--OR TOO HONEST, FOR THAT MATTER! I THINK WE'LL TAKE A LITTLE PEEK...JUST TO BE SURE YOU WOULDN'T SHUCK US!

THEN, WHEN THE STRONG-BOX IS OPENED...
NOW NOTHIN' CAN STOP US FROM GETTIN' ACROSS THE BORDER AND LIVIN' LIKE KINGS!
IT'S HERE! THIS IS THE PURTIEST THING I'VE LAID EYES ON SINCE THE DAY WE STOLE IT!
IT'S SOME SIGHT, ALL RIGHT! WE CAN SPLIT IT AMONG US... AND STILL ALL BE RICH!
WELLS FARGO

BUT, AS RAMMER GLOATS IN HIS GREED, A VENGEFUL KID COLT NEARS THE MINE...
WE'RE GETTIN' CLOSE! THE MINE ENTRANCE SHOULD BE RIGHT OVER...
THERE IT IS! NOW, LET'S FIND RANKIN BEFORE HE FINDS THAT GOLD AND DOES AWAY WITH YOUR BROTHER!

MOMENTS LATER, INSIDE THE MINE...
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, RANKIN! TELL YOUR MEN TO DROP THEIR GUNS!
IT'S KID COLT! HOW'D HE GET HERE? WE LEFT THE PASS SO BLOCKED-UP THAT A HERD OF BUFFALO COULDN'T'A GOT THROUGH!
NEVER MIND HOW HE GOT HERE! GUN HIM DOWN! NOBODY'S STOPPIN' ME FROM TAKIN' THIS GOLD!
REAL SORRY YUH FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT IT, YUH JASPERS! LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO MAKE YUH SEE THINGS MY WAY!
KRAK!
I'D LIKE TO FIND OUT IF YUH KIN SHOOT AS FAST AS YUH TALK... BUT I CAIN'T GIVE YUH THAT CHANCE!
PACHING!
STILL TRYIN' TO GUN ME IN THE BACK, HUH? LET'S SEE IF A LITTLE COLT .45 TALK'LL IMPROVE YOUR MANNERS ANY!
THEN, HIS SIX-GUNS BARKING, THE OUT-MANNED KID DUELS FOR HIS LIFE...
YUH'LL HAVE TO SHOOT FASTER AND STRAIGHTER THAN THAT TO GET OUTTA HERE, HOMBRES!
MUH ARM! HE GUNNED ME 'FORE I COULD GET MUH GUN OUTTA THE HOLSTER!
KAPOW! KABANG!
KEEP SHOOTIN'! HE CAIN'T GET ALL OF US!
HE BLASTED MUH GUN RIGHT OUTTA MUH HAND!
BE GLAD YUH STILL GOT YOUR HEADS!
NOW, LET'S BE DROPPIN' THOSE IRONS SO EVERYTHING'LL BE NICE AND PEACEFUL WHEN THE SHERIFF GETS HERE!
13.

THAT'S IT, COLT! JUST KEEP TALKIN'... SO'S I KIN KNOCK THIS BEAM RIGHT ON YORE THICK SKULL!
LAY 'EM DOWN, HOMBRE... AND, BEFORE YUH KNOW IT, THE SHERIFF'LL BE HERE TO GIVE YUH A NICE TRIP BACK UP THE RIVER!
WHATEVER YUH SAY, KID! YORE TOO FAST FOR ME!
SUDDENLY, WITHOUT WARNING, THE STEEL FIST OF RAMMER RANKIN SMASHES INTO THE BEAM OVER KID COLT'S HEAD...
BLAM!
AND, AS THE STARTLED KID LOOKS UP...
KLONK!
THAT OUGHTTA HOLD 'IM FER A WHILE, BOSS... TILL WE KIN CLEAR OUTTA HERE!
=UHNN!=
NO SENSE IN GAMBLIN' ON IT, THOUGH! PUT A COUPLE'A SLUGS IN 'IM... JUST TO BE SURE!
IT'LL BE MY PLEASURE, RAMMER!
GOTTA DO SOMETHIN'... FAST!
THOSE ROCKS! MY AIM HAD BETTER BE GOOD! I WON'T GET A SECOND CHANCE!
THE NEXT INSTANT, AS THE KILLER IS ABOUT TO SNUFF OUT THE LIFE OF KID COLT...
BULLSEYE! NOBODY'S KILLIN' A MAN IN COLD BLOOD AS LONG AS I HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT!
BUT HOW AM I GONNA STOP RAMMER?
WHAP!
THEN, WITH ALL HIS MEN WOUNDED, RANKIN MAKES A FINAL, DESPERATE MOVE...
THAT DOES IT! I'M GETTIN' OUTTA HERE!
THERE'S NOTHIN' THAT PUNY KID KIN DO TO STOP ME!
BEFORE ANYBODY CAN GET ON A HORSE... I'LL BE ON MUH WAY TO MEXICO!
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NORMAN ROCKWELL—America's most beloved artist. He is a founder and member of the Guiding Faculty of the Famous Artists Schools.

"We're looking for people who like to draw"

says NORMAN ROCKWELL

Today hundreds of men and women who never thought they could be artists are working at easels and drawing boards, making pictures and getting well paid for it. They all can thank a group of famous artists who have devoted much of their time and talent to helping others find success in art.

Some of the People the Famous Artists Have Helped

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Howard Sanden of Minneapolis took the Course while still in high school. He is now a successful artist —last year he and his wife traveled through Europe and the Middle East on important art assignments.

Paul Sullivan enrolled at 14. His Famous Artists training helped him work his way through college.

Stan Bowen, father of three children, was trapped in a dull, low-paying job. By studying with FAS he became a sought-after illustrator, has opened his own studio.

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It started over 18 years ago when a group of America's most successful artists—men like Albert Dorne, Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Al Parker and Stevan Dohanos—met in New York City. They knew that all over America there were people who liked to draw who could be turned into good artists. Albert Dorne asked, "Why can't we give these people the training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years?"

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THEN, AS THE GREED-FILLED CONVICT RUNS FOR THE EXIT...
KID... RAMMER'S GETTIN' AWAY! YUH GOTTA GO AFTER 'IM!
UNNNHHH... MUH HEAD'S STILL SPINNING!
RANKIN... ESCAPING! YOU GUARD THESE OWLHOOTS! I'LL TRY TO STOP HIM!
BUT, BEFORE KID COLT CAN RESUME THE CHASE...
YOU AIN'T GOIN' AFTER NOBODY, COLT!
DON'T BET ON THAT, HOMBRE!
PING!
KAPOW!
OOOWWWW! ..MUH HAND!
MOMENTS LATER, AS RANKIN REACHES THE MINE ENTRANCE...
KID COLT! AIN'T THERE NO WAY TO STOP YUH?
KASHING!
NOT LIKELY, RAMMER! NOW DROP THAT GOLD AND REACH FOR THE SKY!
NO DEAL! AH GOT THE GOLD... AND I'M HEADIN' SOUTH WITH IT! YUH'LL NEVER CATCH ME!
KRAK!
MISSED! GUESS I'M STILL A MITE SHAKY!
DETERMINED TO GET AWAY, THE IRON-FISTED INMATE RUSHES FOR HIS HORSE, AND...
YUH HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE, RANKIN! GIVE IT UP... SO'S YUH WIND UP SOMEPLACE BESIDES BOOT HILL!
THAT'S YOUR TROUBLE, COLT! YOU'RE ALL MOUTH! IF'N YORE EVER DOWN MEXICO WAY, BE SURE TO LOOK ME UP!
I'LL GET A GOOD JUMP ON 'IM... AND, BEFORE HE KIN FIND HIS NAG, I'LL BE ABLE TO CIRCLE AROUND AND LOSE HIM!
IF I GO AFTER STEEL... I'LL NEVER CATCH UP WITH HIM! BUT... WAIT... HE'S CIRCLIN' AROUND THE MOUNTAIN!
MAYBE I CAN CUT OVER THE MINE SHAFT AND HEAD HIM OFF ON THE OTHER SIDE!
WITHOUT HESITATION, THE FAST-THINKING KID PUTS HIS PLAN INTO ACTION...
GOTTA MOVE FAST! IF RANKIN GETS AWAY... THERE'LL BE NO WAY TO CLEAR YOUNG LARKIN!
CAN'T WASTE A SECOND... A MAN'S FUTURE IS AT STAKE!
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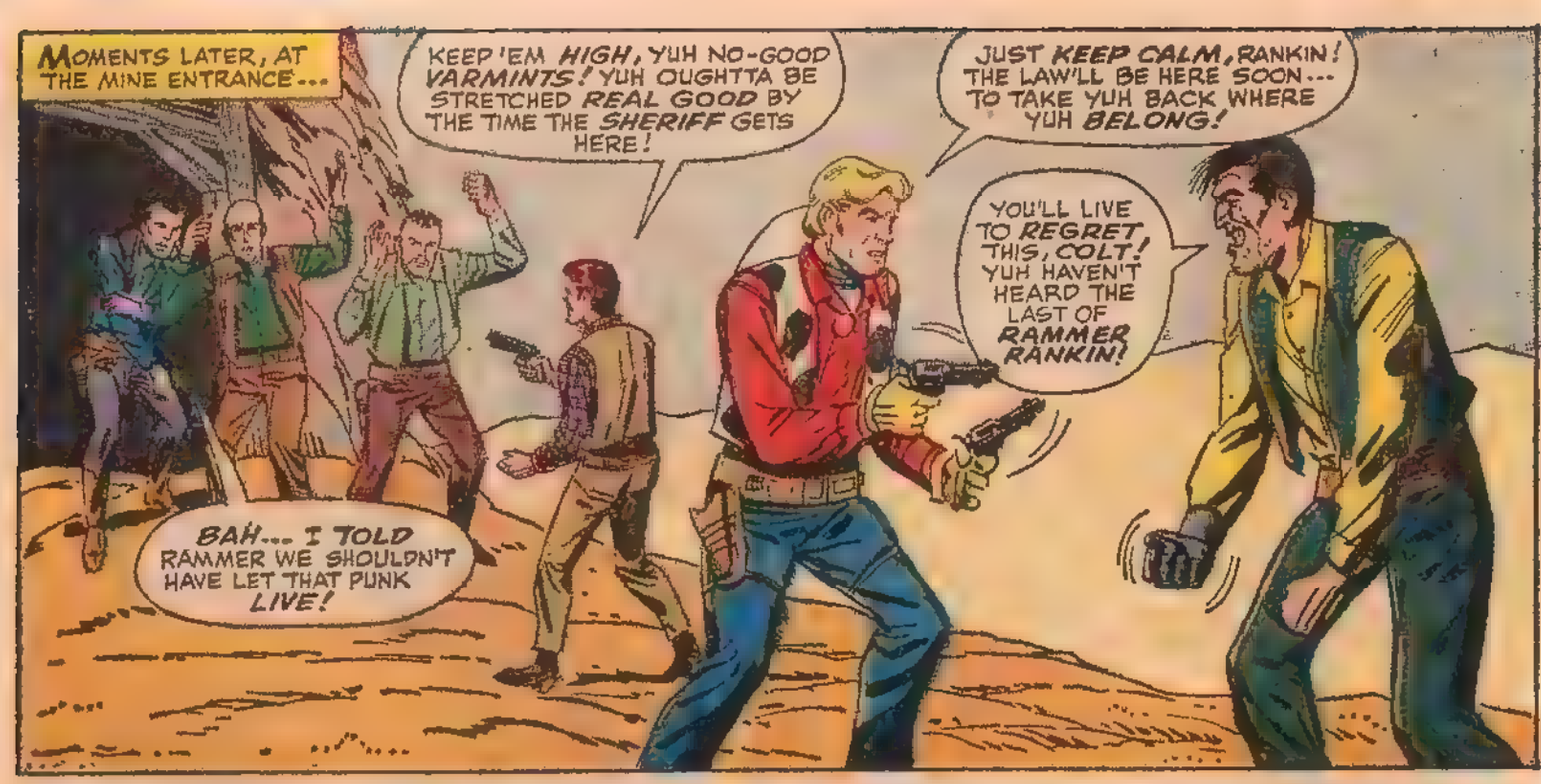
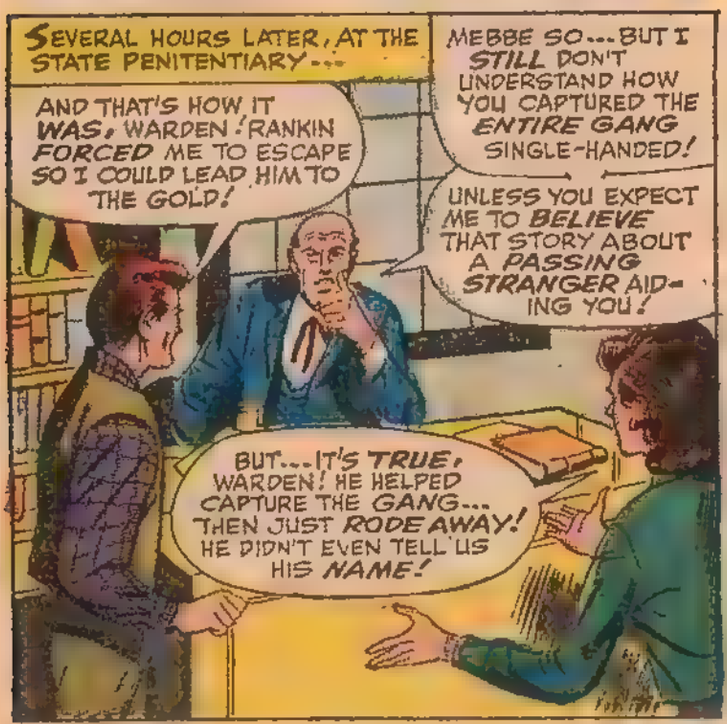
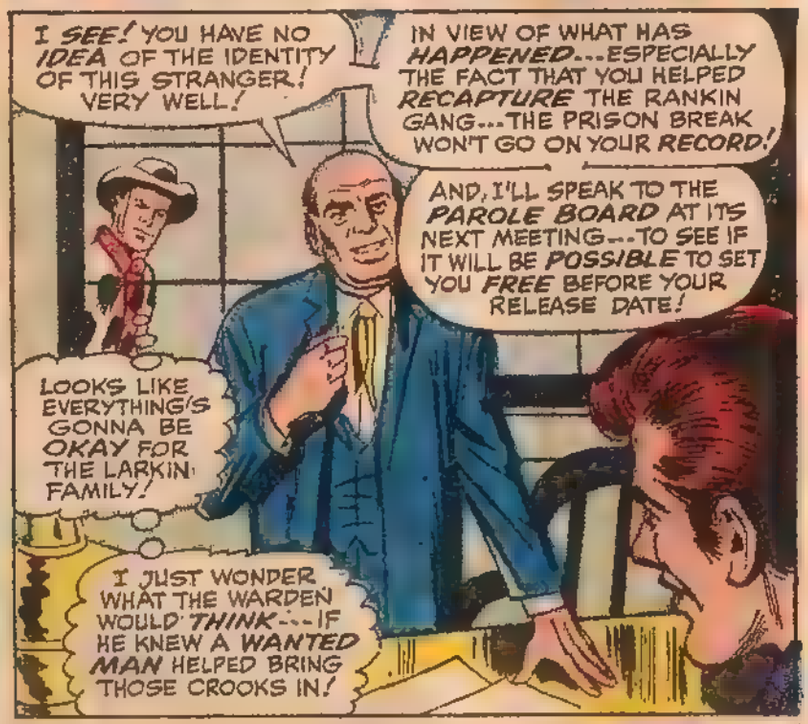
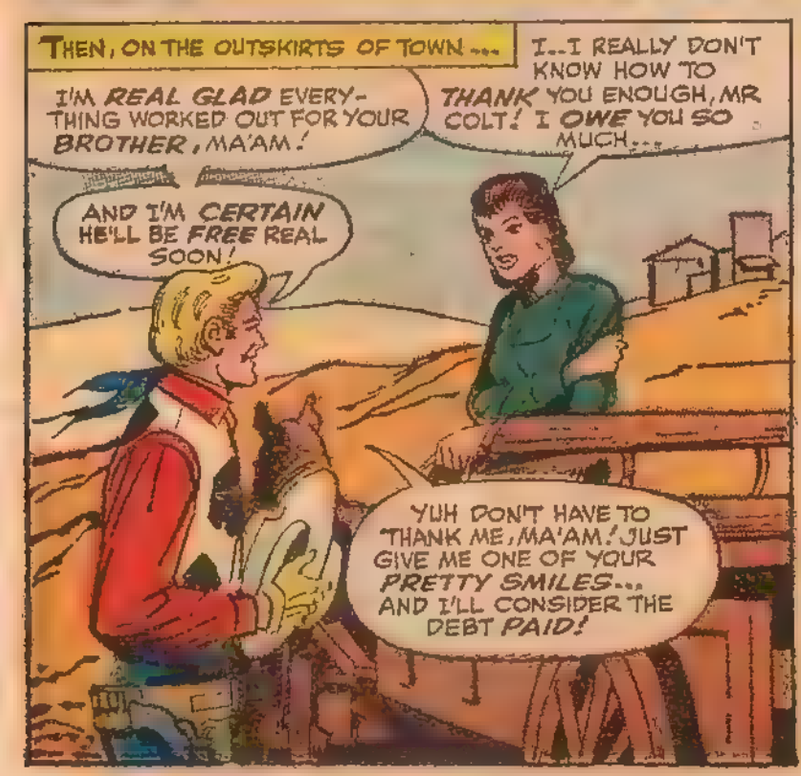
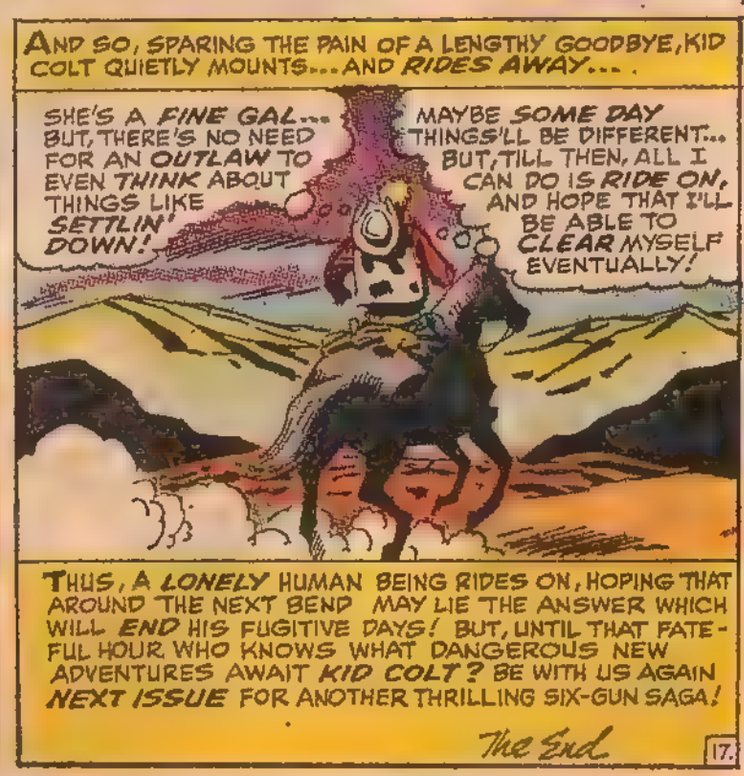
AND, KID COLT'S DETERMINATION PAYS OFF WHEN, AS RANKIN RIDES THROUGH A PASS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE MINE...
YUH WOULDN'T GIVE UP WHEN YUH HAD THE CHANCE... SO HERE'S TEACHIN' YUH THE HARD WAY!
=OOOOOFFFF= ..COLT! WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?
BUT, AS THE TWO TUMBLE TO THE TURF, IT IS RAMMER RANKIN WHO LANDS ON TOP...
YOU'VE FOULED ME UP ONE TIME TOO MANY, COLT! NOW I'M GONNA BASH YORE PURTY FACE FER YUH!
NO MAN CAN TAKE THE FORCE'A MY STEEL FIST... NOT EVEN THE FAMOUS KID COLT!
YUH BETTER STOP TALKIN' AND START BASHIN', RANNY! YUH HAVEN'T LICKED ME YET!
YUH MISSED... AND THAT WAS YOUR LAST CHANCE!
=ARRRRGGGHH!=
WHAP!
WIEE!
THEN, BEFORE THE STUNNED CONVICT CAN REGAIN HIS SENSES...
THIS IS THE END OF THE TRAIL FOR YOU, RANKIN! YOU'VE ROBBED YOUR LAST BANK... FOR A LONG TIME, ANYWAY!
WHERE YOU'RE GOIN', THE ONLY THING YOU'LL GET A CHANCE TO STEAL IS A NAP ON THE CHAIN GANG!


MOMENTS LATER, AT THE MINE ENTRANCE...
KEEP 'EM HIGH, YUH NO-GOOD VARMINTS! YUH OUGHTTA BE STRETCHED REAL GOOD BY THE TIME THE SHERIFF GETS HERE!
JUST KEEP CALM, RANKIN! THE LAW'LL BE HERE SOON... TO TAKE YUH BACK WHERE YUH BELONG!
YOU'LL LIVE TO REGRET THIS, COLT! YUH HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF RAMMER RANKIN!
BAH... I TOLD RAMMER WE SHOULDN'T HAVE LET THAT PUNK LIVE!


SEVERAL HOURS LATER, AT THE STATE PENITENTIARY...
AND THAT'S HOW IT WAS, WARDEN! RANKIN FORCED ME TO ESCAPE SO I COULD LEAD HIM TO THE GOLD!
MEBBE SO... BUT I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAPTURED THE ENTIRE GANG SINGLE-HANDED!
UNLESS YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT STORY ABOUT A PASSING STRANGER AIDING YOU!
BUT... IT'S TRUE, WARDEN! HE HELPED CAPTURE THE GANG... THEN JUST RODE AWAY! HE DIDN'T EVEN TELL US HIS NAME!


I SEE! YOU HAVE NO IDEA OF THE IDENTITY OF THIS STRANGER! VERY WELL!
IN VIEW OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED... ESPECIALLY THE FACT THAT YOU HELPED RECAPTURE THE RANKIN GANG... THE PRISON BREAK WON'T GO ON YOUR RECORD!
AND, I'LL SPEAK TO THE PAROLE BOARD AT ITS NEXT MEETING... TO SEE IF IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO SET YOU FREE BEFORE YOUR RELEASE DATE!
LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE OKAY FOR THE LARKIN FAMILY!
I JUST WONDER WHAT THE WARDEN WOULD THINK... IF HE KNEW A WANTED MAN HELPED BRING THOSE CROOKS IN!


THEN, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...
I'M REAL GLAD EVERYTHING WORKED OUT FOR YOUR BROTHER, MA'AM!
I... I REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU ENOUGH, MR COLT! I OWE YOU SO MUCH...
AND I'M CERTAIN HE'LL BE FREE REAL SOON!
YUH DON'T HAVE TO THANK ME, MA'AM! JUST GIVE ME ONE OF YOUR PRETTY SMILES... AND I'LL CONSIDER THE DEBT PAID!


AND SO, SPARING THE PAIN OF A LENGTHY GOODBYE, KID COLT QUIETLY MOUNTS... AND RIDES AWAY...
SHE'S A FINE GAL... BUT, THERE'S NO NEED FOR AN OUTLAW TO EVEN THINK ABOUT THINGS LIKE SETTLIN' DOWN!
MAYBE SOME DAY THINGS'LL BE DIFFERENT... BUT, TILL THEN, ALL I CAN DO IS RIDE ON, AND HOPE THAT I'LL BE ABLE TO CLEAR MYSELF EVENTUALLY!
THUS, A LONELY HUMAN BEING RIDES ON, HOPING THAT AROUND THE NEXT BEND MAY LIE THE ANSWER WHICH WILL END HIS FUGITIVE DAYS! BUT, UNTIL THAT FATEFUL HOUR WHO KNOWS WHAT DANGEROUS NEW ADVENTURES AWAIT KID COLT? BE WITH US AGAIN NEXT ISSUE FOR ANOTHER THRILLING SIX-GUN SAGA!
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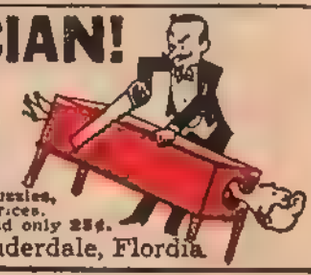

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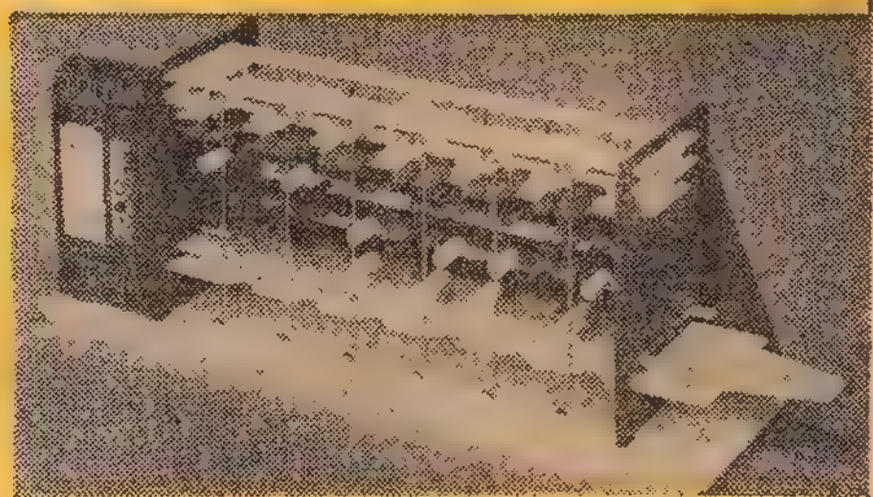

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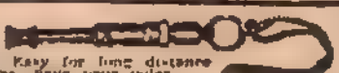

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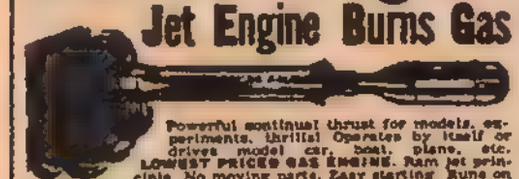

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ITEM: The big talk around the Bullpen these days concerns Marvel-ous MARIE SEVERIN, who's just taken over the illustrating chores on the Doc Strange strip. The mirthful Miss Severin has been keeping us in stitches for years with the hilarious cartoons she whips up whenever no one's looking—but it never occurred to us (or to her) that she could also draw a sensational serious strip—never, that is, until Our Leader asked her to take a whack at Doc Strange, because WILD BILL EVERETT wanted to devote himself full time to his beloved Sub-Mariner. Well, the rest is history. This gal is gonna be one of the greatest! (We're not sure about the greatest *what*—but why be picky?) And to anticipate your question, the answer is "yes"—she's the sister of talented JOHN SEVERIN, who illustrated our Agent of Shield strip about a year ago. A-yway, we know you'll enjoy watching her achieve real Marvel stardom as the months go by—and, take it from us—it couldn't happen to a nicer gal!

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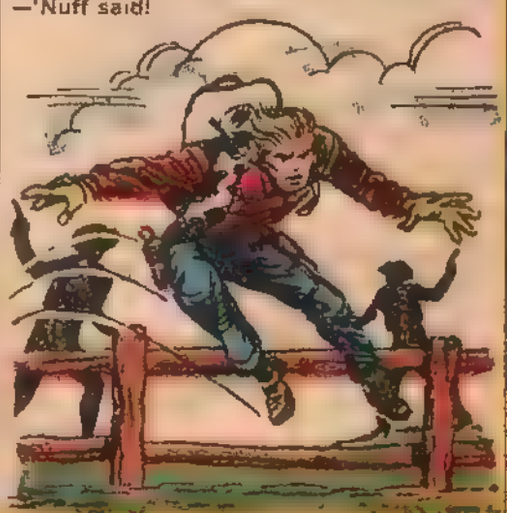

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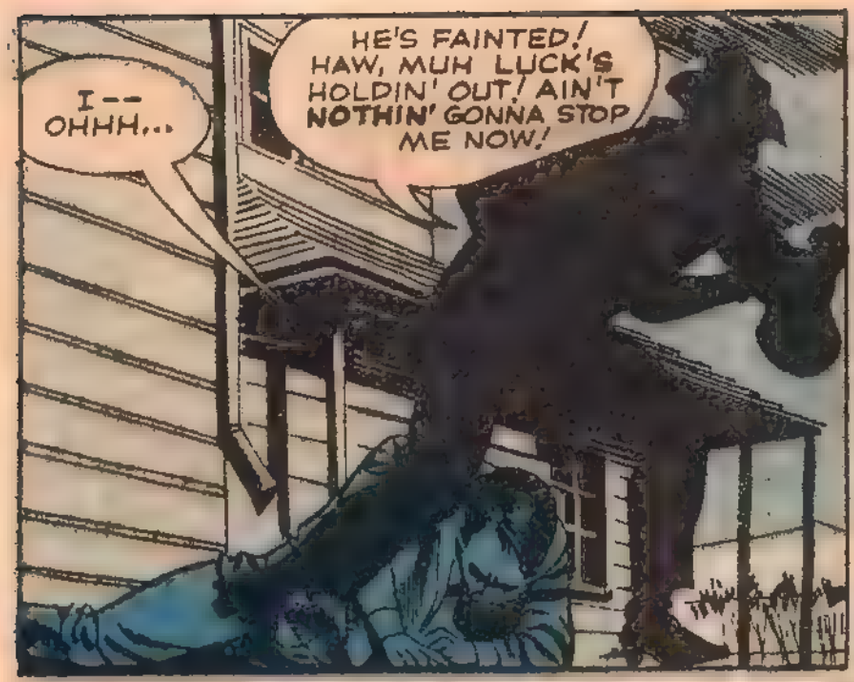

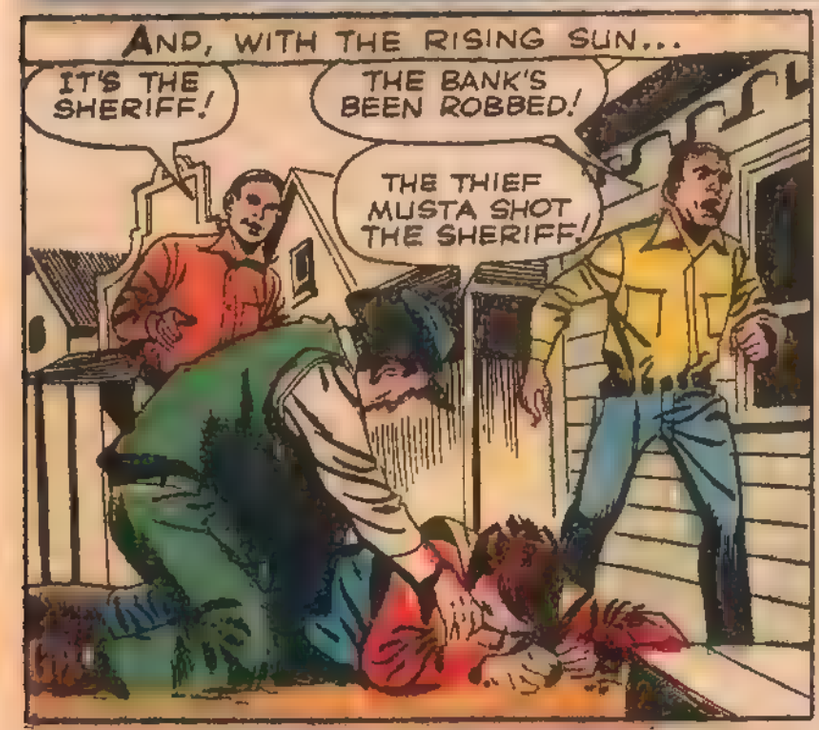

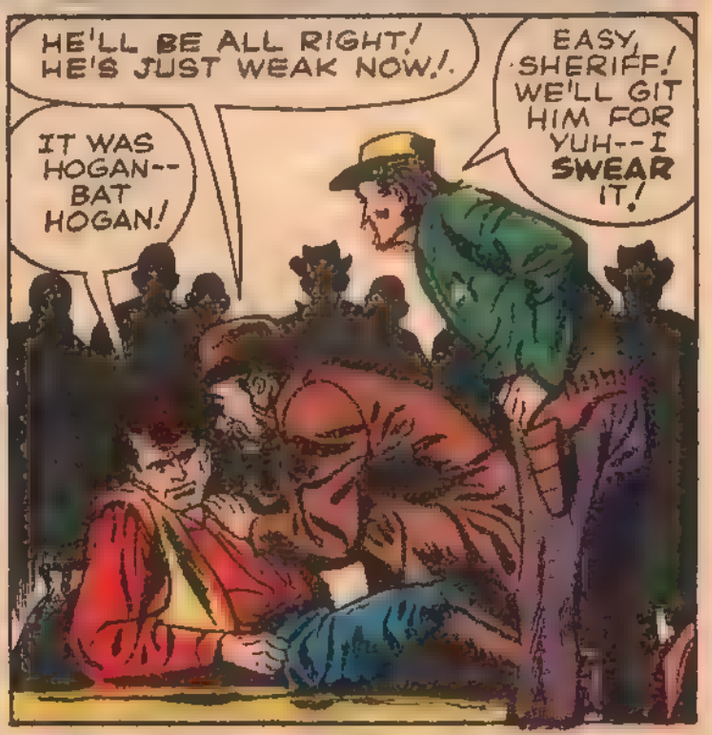

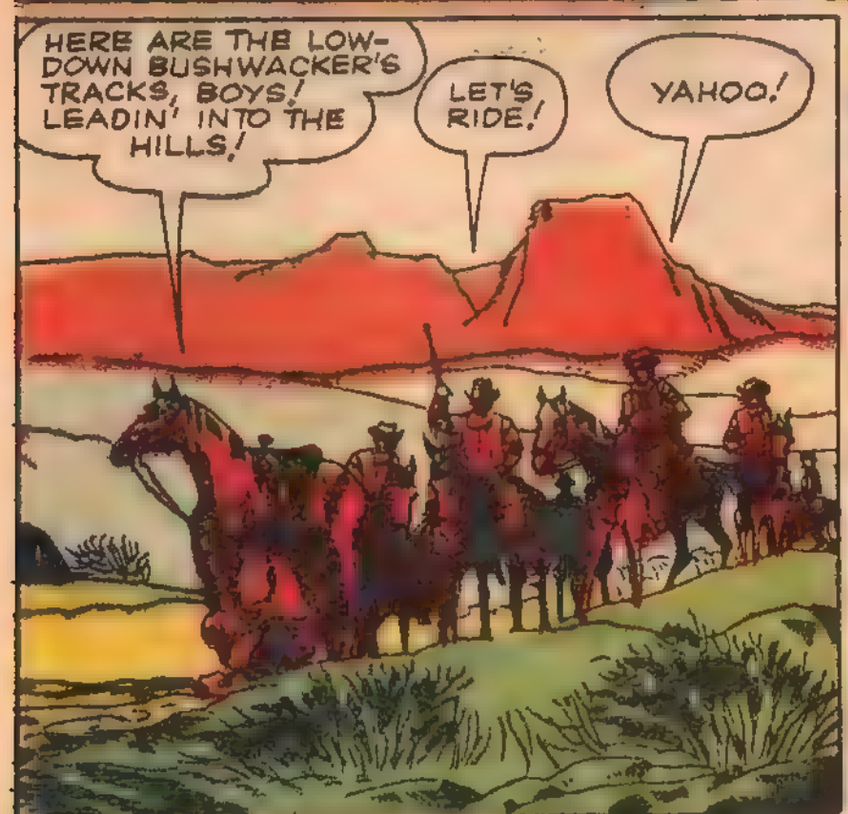

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JUDGIN' BY THE SIZE OF THAT DUST CLOUD, THERE'S A BIGGER POSSE ON MUH TRAIL THAN I FIGGERED ON! I BETTER MAKE TRACKS, PRONTO!
HAW! THEY GOT POSTERS UP FOR ME ALREADY! AT LAST I'M SOMEBODY! RECKON FOLKS'LL HAVE NEW RESPECT FOR ME NOW WHEN THEY SEE ME!
WANTED
BAT HOGAN
ASSAULT UPON LAWMAN
HE'S DANGEROUS
I'LL HEAD FOR NACE PARKER'S SPREAD! HE WUZ ALWAYS FRIENDLY WITH ME! RECKON HE'LL HIDE ME OUT FOR A SPELL!
THERE'S NACE NOW, IN THE DOORWAY! BUT WHAT'S HE HOLDIN' THAT SHOTGUN FOR?
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER, HOGAN!
HOLD ON, HOMBRE! WHAT'S WRONG? YOU GONE LOCO??
NO, HOGAN, YOU HAVE! COME A STEP CLOSER AND MUH NEXT SHOT WON'T MISS!
DON'T SHOOT! I'M YORE FRIEND! I'LL GO-- BUT DON'T SHOOT!
YOU AIN'T NOBODY'S FRIEND, HOMBRE! YOU'RE AN OUTLAW! YOU'RE NOTHIN'!

WHAT'LL I DO? THE POSSE'S BEHIND ME! I CAN'T GO THRU TOWN! I CAN'T RETURN TO THE HILLS! WAIT--I KNOW! I'LL HEAD FOR GOLD-DUST SMITH! I DONE HIM A FAVOR ONCE! HE'S MOST LIKELY STILL WORKIN' AT HIS CLAIM!
AND SO, A FEW HECTIC HOURS LATER...
GOLD-DUST! IT'S ME! BAT HOGAN! I--I NEED HELP!
I KNOW! I SEEN THE POSTERS! GIT OFFA MUH CLAIM!
I SAID GIT OFF! I DON'T AIM TO BE YORE NEXT VICTIM!
NO, YUH OLD FOOL! DON'T! I--UGHH!
LOOK! OVER YONDER! IT'S HIM!
I GOTTA GIT AWAY! CAN'T LET THEM CATCH ME NOW!
GOT 'IM!
I COULDA MADE IT-- BUT NOBODY WOULD HELP ME! NOBODY WOULD HELP ME!
EVERYONE TURNED AWAY FROM ME! THEY'RE ALL DOUBLE-CROSSIN' JACKALS! ALL OF 'EM!
NO, BAT, YOU'RE THE JACKAL! WHEN A MAN TURNS OUT-LAW, HE'S THE DOUBLE-CROSSER! HE DOUBLE-CROSSES SOCIETY AND THE LAWS THAT PROTECT IT!
"WANT BAT HC FOR BANK ASSAULT BY LAWS HE'S DAMG PROCESS
THERE'S YOUR REWARD POSTER, BAT! STILL PROUD OF IT?? OR DO YOU REALIZE WHAT A FOOL YOU WERE! WHAT FOOLS ALL BADMEN ARE!
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Dear Stan,

Since Kid Colt and the Rawhide Kid are drifters in the Marvel Corral, why don't they drift into San Francisco sometime and get shanghied? I suppose this sounds like I'm telling them to jump in the lake, but I'm not. I just think it would make a good adventure. By the way, I think the Kid Colt Giant Comic was Marvel-ous!

Skip Johnston, 656 Denning Place
Charlotte, N. C.

Your idea sounds great to us, ranny! There's just one thing that bothers us—how would our leather-slappin', hard-ridin' heroes manage to ride their horses around on a pirate ship? At any rate, we'll pass your suggestion along to Lassoin' Larry Lieber and see what he comes up with! Okay? . . Okay!

Dear Stan,

It was unenthusiastic for unquerimonious ideals, unextravagantly generous and chivalrous to interpret mentally the dramatic tale of blazing, two-fisted action featured in RAWHIDE KID #54. Then, after running down to the grand newsstand for all the latest Marvel mags, as you have so often demanded we faithful ones do, I discovered the surprise sensation of the year—Kid Colt #130. Congratulations on the most popular mags ever published. They are truly, more than ever, the world's greatest! 'Nuff Said!

Fylamuddin Ahamad, 9, Knaggs St.
Frederick Settlement, Caroni
Trinidad, W. I.

We'll say it is, jasper! You said more in those few lines than the whole, bronc-bustin' bullpen could have said in a month of showdown days — (we think). Just one thing bothers us — when we told you to "run" to the newsstand, we didn't mean it literally! It'd be alright if you rode your horse!

Dear Artie Simek,

I just finished Kid Colt #131, and I simply can't find the words to describe the lilting lettering, fantastic footnotes, and wondrous word balloons! There—now you can tear down your camp in front of the mailroom door and get back to doing your usual great job on the next Kid Colt. (In case you couldn't tell, this is an honest-to-Sagebrush-Forbush fan letter). By the way, who said girls don't read westerns?!

Anne Hess, 176 Orange St.
Albany, N. Y.

A great, big "thanks podnuh" from Artie to you, Anne! He was so happy to receive your letter that he went hog-wild and ran off and left his tent by the mail-room door—and poor old Sagebrush Irv had to put out Artie's camp-fire! And...who *did* say girls don't read westerns?

Dear Stan,

The first one of your western mags that I read was Kid Colt! After that, I discovered Rawhide and Two-Gun—and I think they're all terrific! The thing I like best about your stories is that they are written just like I imagine they would have happened back in the old West. I've also noticed that your art work keeps getting better and better! Keep up the good work!

Dick Morris, 824 Dorothy Lane
Billings, Montana

Thanks a heap, Dick! It's great to know that you hombres appreciate the back-bustin' labors of our range-ridin' writers and gun-slammin' artists! To tell you the truth, they're so blamed wrapped-up in their work that we expect Dangerous Dick Ayers to challenge Lassoin' Larry Lieber to a shoot-out right in the old Marvel Corral just about any day!

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